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GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES BOON EDAM TOMSED TO EXPAND IN HARNETT COUNTY

One North Carolina Fund Helps Company Create 60 New Jobs and Invest \$4.2 million

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley today announced that Boon Edam Tomsed Inc., a manufacturer of turnstiles, revolving doors and crowd control products, will create 60 new jobs and invest \$4.2 million in Harnett County over the next three years. The announcement was made possible in part by a \$60,000 One North Carolina Fund grant.

"We are very pleased that Boon Edam Tomsed chose North Carolina to expand and create these skilled manufacturing positions," Easley said. "These well-paying new jobs will be a great boost to Harnett County. This expansion shows what happens when you continue making the right investments in workforce development, education and infrastructure."

Boon Edam merged with Tomsed in June 2005. The company is expanding in North Carolina by consolidating two other operations in California and Utah and relocating them to the existing Lillington facility. Its parent company, Royal Boon Edam Group, is a 130-year-old Dutch company specializing in door systems and security access products.

The company's 60,000-square-foot facility in Lillington is used to manufacture turnstiles, revolving doors and other crowd control products. The average wage of the new jobs is expected to be \$33,800 per year plus benefits, which is significantly higher than the Harnett County average of \$23,800 per year.

"The One North Carolina Fund Grant and the efforts by Gov. Easley were the deciding factors between consolidating operations in North Carolina versus California or Utah," said Robert Sedivy, president of Boon Edam Tomsed Inc.

The One North Carolina Fund assists the state in recruiting and expanding quality jobs by providing financial assistance to businesses or industries deemed by the governor to be vital to a healthy and growing state economy. Through the use of this Fund, more than 17,000 jobs and \$2 billion in investment have been created since 2001.

Other partners who helped make this announcement possible include the Harnett County Board of Commissioners, the Harnett County Economic Development Commission, the N.C. Department of Commerce and Central Carolina Community College.

For more information about Boon Edam Tomsed Inc. or to learn about job opportunities, please visit www.boonedamtomsed.com.